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HISTORICAL EPISTLE

OF THE GREAT AMITIE
and good offices betvvixt the Popes
of Rome, and Kings of Great Bri-
tanie.

WRITTEN TO KING IAMES
soone after his coming into England.

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TO THE MOST HIGH
AND MIGHTIE
PRINCE IAMES,
BY THE GRACE
OF GOD, KING OF GREAT
Britanie, &c.

I.  F saint Paul (most
gratious soueraigne) being accu-
sed of the whole Synagogue of
the Iewes, by their Orator Ter-
tullus, of diuers heynous cri-
mes, both against Gods and the
Princes laws, found notwith-
standing such equitie in the
Heathen President Festus, as
hee answered his aduersaries,
that is was not the custome of the Acts 25.

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*Romans , to condemne any man
before he haue his accusers present,
and place to make his answer:*

Acts 26.

and also such fauour at the
Iewish King Agrippa , as he
both licensed him to speak for
himselſe , and afforded him fa-
uorable audience: much more
cauſe haue your Maieſties Ca-
tholick ſubjects, being accuſed
of Miniſters by their hired ſpo-
keſman Bel, to expect the like
yea greater fauour and equitie
at your Graces hands. For if
Romans , though heathens,
thought it iniuſtice to con-
demn a particular man at the
clamours of a whole Nation,
before his accuſers were pre-
ſent , and his deſenſe were
heard: and if Agrippa, albeit a
Iew, and enemy to Chriſtians,

deemed it notwithstanding a Princes part, to giue audience to one accused of that religion, which he both hated and persecuted, how much more will a Christian Prince forbear to condemn the vniuersal cause of his Catholick subjects, for the slanders and outcries of Ministers, and one hired Proctor, before their Accusers be brought face to face, and they haue time and place granted to answer for themselves? Wherein wee shall account our selues more happie then Saint Paul, because wee shall plead our cause, not before a Heathen or Iewish Prince, but before a Christian King, and such a one, as better knoweth the questions and customs of Christians, then King Agrip-

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pa did of the Iews.

2. Wherefore, seing of late
one Th. Bel, (a fugitiue once
from the Protestant religion,
as he is now from Catholick)
hath not onely accused, but
also maliciously slandered the
vniuersal Catholick cause, in a
booke, which he hath dedica-
ted to your Maiestie, and ter-
med it *the Downfal of Poperie*,
and withal challengeth, dareth,
and adjureth (in which case
Math. 26. our Blessed Sauour, though
whith manifest danger of his
life, made answer) al Semina-
rie Priests, al English Iesuits,
and (as he speaketh) Iesuited
Papists, to answer him, I haue
presumed vpon your gracious
fauour to accept his challenge,
and am readie to performe it

hand to hand, if your Majestie grant licence, and in the mean time, to dedicate to your Name, this my Confutation of his arguments, and slanders, wherein I speake not for my selfe, as did Saint Paul before King Agrippa, but for the religion of your own Progenitors, and Predecessors, for the faith of your forefathers, for the cause of all Catholicks, and for the good, (I dare say) of your own Majesties person and Kingdomes. For though Bel calumniate Christian Kings and Emperours, with opening a window to all Antichristian tyrannie, and Catholicks generally, with thinking Christ to be killed a thousand times a day, and such like, yet especially he slande-

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reth the Popes , with vsurping
power proper to God , and to
depofe Princes, and difpofe of
their Kingdoms at his pleasure,
for to alienate your minde
thereby , from the fea Apofto-
lick: wherein he not only abu-
feth your patience with telling
you palpable vntruths, but alfo
greatly harmeth and endam-
mageth your person and realm,
by endeauouring by his fals
flanders , to auert your minde
from the Popes, who haue been
the moft ancient, moft affured,
and moft beneficiall freinds,
which the Kings and realms of
great Britanie haue euer had.
Which thing that I may make
manifest vnto your Majeftie,
I humbly befeech you giue me
leauē to fet downe ſome parti-
cular

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cular examples, of the mutuall
amitie, and kinde offices, which
haue been betwixt the Popes
and the Princes of this land.
Wherein, if I bee somewhat
longer, then men vse to be in
Epistles, I hope the varietie and
profit of the matter will make
requitall.

3. Not long after the sea A-
postolick was setled in Rome,
Saint Peter, the first Pope
about the sixtie third year of
CHRIST, came (saith^a Simeon
Metaphrastes, a Grecian writer
about 800. years ago) into Bri-
tanie, where hauing stayed long
time, and conuerted many nations
vnto Christ, he saw an Angel,
who tould him, that the time of
his departure was at hand, and
therefore he shold return to Rome,

S. PETER
P.

Lippoman
29. Iunij
tomo 5.

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where being crucified, he should re-
ceave the reward of iustice. When
therefore he had glorified God, and
giuen thanks, and stayed some daies
with the Britans, setled Churches,
and ordered Bishops, Priests, and
Deacons, in the twelfth year of the
Emperour Nero, hee returned to
Rome. Thus much Metaphra-
stes: all which he professeth to
haue taken out of ancient monu-
ments, and to haue been publickly
related. And withall addeth, that
Euseb. Pamphili (the ancientest
Ecclesiastical Historiographer)
reporteth, that Peter was twelue
years in the East, and twenty three
years in Rome, and in Britanie,
and in the cities of the West. So
that, not onely Metaphrastes,
but also Eusebius testifieth,
that Saint Peter came into Bri-

*Metaphrast.
lined. Ann.
859. Baron.
ibidem.*

rannie. Neither hindreth it,
that this testimonie of Eusebius
is not found in any of his books
now extant. For (as S. Hierom.
sayeth) *he wrote innumerable vo-*
lumes, which now are perished,
in some whereof might be this
testimonie. For it is no way li-
kelie, that Metaphrastes should
feigne it ; both because he is ac-
counted a saint, and honoured
of the Grecians as such, and ci-
ted in the Council of Florence,
as a man of great authoritie ; as
also, because there was no cause
to moue him to feigne it ; and
lastly because hee might bee
justly laughed at for feiging a
thing wherein hee might bee
easily disprooued. And that
saint Peter came into Britanie,
not only English Catholicks, as

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*Grecians,
Italians,
French, Spa-
niards, Ger-
mans, Po-
lonians,
Scots, En-
glish, say
Saint Peter
was in
Britanie.*

Harpesfield lib. 1. histor. cap. 2.
Broughton lib. 1. cap. 24, and
others doe affirme, but also
strangers, as Iulianus Petri in
Aduersariis, §. 495. Baronius
Anno 46. and his Epitomizers,
Spondanus, Bzouius, Bisiola,
Bernardus Iunius in Chronico
Morali anno 46. Biuarrus in
Chronico Dextri Anno 46.
Ciaconus in vita Sancti Petri,
Guillimannus in suis Habpur-
gicis lib. 2. cap. 1. Eiseingrenius
Centuria 7. par. 7. dis. 8. Ches-
neus in hist. Angl. l. 3. Possui-
nus in apparatu tom. 3. Lesleus
in Parænesi ad Scotos: And
also learned Protestants con-
fesse the same. For thus Cam-
bden in his Britanie p. 52. *Of
the credit of Simeon Metaphrastes,
and the Greeks Meneologie, our*

*Protestants
confesse it.
Cambden.*

Ecclesiasticall writers report, that Peter came hither, and spread the light of the Gospel. And in his Remains pag. 4. The true Christian religion was planted here by Ioseph of Arimathia, Simon Zelotes, Aristobulus, yea by saint Peter and saint Paul, as may bee proued by Dorotheus, Theodoretus, Sophronius. Spede lib. 6. cap. 9. Speed. Some ad, that S. Peter the Apostle preached the word of life in this Iland, as to others Gentils hee did, for whom God had chosen him, that from his mouth they might heare the Gospel, and beleene, and that he here founded Churches, and ordained Priests, and Deacons, which is reported by Simeon Metaphrastes, out the Greeke Antiquities. The like hath Vsher in his Antiquities of Britanie c.1. and 16. Vsher.

Baker.

And also Baker in his historie of England pag. 3. Who addeth, that *this and more is reported by Authors of good credit.* And I ad that no graue Author denieth it; nor can any sufficient reason be brought, why it should not be beleued. So that, mere incredulitie or obstinacie can bee opposed against it, which may be opposed against anie historical writing whatsoeuer; and so all historical belieef ouerthrowne. For who beleue in histories, what they will, and what they will not, beleue not, doe not beleue histories, but themselues.

2. Petri 1.

4. Neither was this loue of S. Peter to our countrie extinguished by his death, but as himselfe promised to some, he

had it in minde also after his departure, and miraculously assisted it in great necessities.

So that truly wrote ^b S. Sergius first Pope, one thousand years ago, to our English Kings, that *S. Peter was mindfull of them.*

^b Malmesbury lib. i. Pontificum p. 209.

And Pope ^c Alexander II. to King William the Conquerour, and Pope ^d Alexander III.

^c Eugubini de Donat. Constan.

to King Henry the second, that *England was under saint Peters protection, ever since Christs name was glorified there.* And Pope ^e

^d S. Peter Protector of Enghland.

Boniface I. writing to King Edwin, calleth S. Peter, his Protector. For when our countrie (about the year of Christ 611.) began to reuolt from the faith of Christ, and some Bishops had forsaken the land, and S. Laurence Archbishop of

^e Bede lib. 2. cap. 10. Huntingdon lib. 3. p. 317.

*S. Peter
committed
Englishmen
to S. Lau-
rence.*

Canterburie was minded to follow them, *Saint Peter appearing to him, and scourging him with sharp stripes, a great while in the close night, chalenged with Apostolical authoritie, and asked him, why hee would forsake the flocke which he himselfe had committed to him, and to what shepheard running now away, he would leaue the sheep of IESVS-CHRIST, beset in the midst of so many woulues. By thes stripes of saint Peter, and with these exhortations, Laurence, being stirred up and encouraged, came boldly to the king early in the morning, and loosng his garment shewed him how sore hee was beaten, and how pitifully his flesh was torn. The King, as soone as he heard that for his own saluation the Bishop had suffered such greuous beatings,*

beatings, yea and that of the
 Apostle of CHRIST, he feared
 much, and afterward abandoning
 all worship of Idols, he embraced
 the Faith of CHRIST, and being
 baptized, endeauoured to keepe
 and maintaine the estate of the
 Church in al points to the utter-
 most of his power. Thus S. Bede
 lib. 2. c. 6. who liued in the same
 age, in which this happened;
 and the same testifieth the king
 himself, in his ⁸ charter yet ex-
 tant. Also Alcuin in Epist. 97.
 and our best Historiographers,
 as William Malmesburie lib. 1.
 Regum Angliæ cap. 1. Henrie
 of Huntington lib. 3. pag. 326.
 Marianus in Chronic. ann. 617.
 Florentius Anno 616, Westmo-
 nasteriensis anno 616. And the
 same is confessed by Protestants,

*8 Reiner.
 in Apost.*

*Protestants
 confess it.*

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as by Bishop Godwin, in the life of S. Laurence, Holinshed lib. 5. histor cap. 24. Ifacson ann. 616. Weuer in his monuments pag. 245. who also ibid. pag. 246. rehearseth the Epitaphe vpon the tombe of saint Laurence, in which the same is affirmed, and lastly, the Magdeburgensian Centuriatours Centuria 7. cap. 10.

*S. Peter con-
secrated
Westmin-
ster Church.*

5. Not long before this, when Sebareth, King of the East-Saxons, had built a Church in honor of S. Peter, in the place where now Westmonasterie stā-deth, saint Peter came from Heaven, and himselfe dedicated the Church, and confirmed his dedication by a miracle, which long after continued. Authors of this, are two

ancient and holy kings Edgar, *vvinnesse,*
 and S. Edward the Confessor, in *two En-*
 their Charters made to that Mo- *glish Kings,*
 nasterie, as may be seen in Bi- *and graue*
 shop Vsher in his booke de Pri- *Authors.*
 mordius Eccl. Britannicę cap. 16.
 pag. 741, 742, and in vveuer
 in his Monuments pag. 450.
 Whereof I will rehearse the
 words of S. Edwards Charter,
 taken' (as vveuer saieth) outof
 the records of the Toure. The
 Church of S. Peter in Westminster,
 was anciently builded under Mel-
 lit, first Bishop of London, fellow
 and of the same time with Saint
 Austin first Archbishop of Can-
 terburie, and by blessed Peter him-
 self, with seruice of Angels, dedi-
 cated with the imprinting of the
 holie Croß, and unction of the
 holie Trinitie. And king Edgar,

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as Bishop Vsher relateth, in his
Charter auoucheth, that *in the*
year 604, it was dedicated, not of
anie other, but of S. Peter himself
Prince of the Apostles, to his own
honor. The same certifie saint
Ealred, *a most graue Author,*
(saith Spelman) in the life of
saint Edward, the Author of
saint Dunstons life, William of
Malmesburie lib.1. Regum, and
lib.2. Pontificum, Capgraue in
life of S. Edward, Otterburn,
Walsingham an. 1378, pag. 213.
and 214. Baronius an. 610. And
are not two ancient and holie
kings, and so many graue au-
thors worthie to bee beleued?
Likewise, when the Danes had
oppressed England, vsurped
the crowne, and driuen all the

S. Peter re-
stored the
royal En-
glish blood,
to the
crown.

royal English blood out of England, Saint Peter appeared in a vision, to Brithwold, a holy Bishop of Wilton, or (as some say) of Winchester, anointed saint Edward king of England, and foretold the yeares of his reigne, and the end of the furie of the Danes, adding these most comfortable words : *The kingdome of England, is the kingdome of God.* Authors of this, are the aforesaid Malmesburie lib.2. Regum cap. 13. and lib.2. Pontif. pag. 249. Ealred in life of saint Edward. Westmonasteriensis anno 1056, Capgraue in life of S. Edward, Polidor. lib.8, Harpesfeld sæc. 11. cap. 19. Baronius an. 1043. And it is confessed by Protestants, as by Bi-

*Our best
Authors re-
sist it.*

*Protestants
confesse it.*

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shop Parker in vita Stigandi, by
Bishop Godwin in vita Brith-
woldi, by Cambden in his Re-
mains pag. 5, Holinshed lib. 7.
cap. 15, by Isaakson anno 909.
and others.

6. Neither was the singular
affection towards our countrie,
peculiar to saint Peter, but (as
from a fountain) descended
to his successors. For when the
sweet sound of the Gospel here
preached by him, had in time
increased , and come to the
ears of Lucius, then king here,
he sending to Rome for Prea-
chers , Pope Eleutherius the
fourteenth Pope after Saint
Peter , about the year ^h 186,
sent hither saint Fugatius and
Damian , who instructed, and
baptized the King, Queen, and

P. ELEU-
THERIVS

h Gordō 188

P Eleuthe-
rius Legats
consuevit Bri-
tanie.

most of the people, whereby
 our countrie became the first,
 which publickly professed the
 faith of CHRIST, as testifieth
 the learned Pamelius, in his
 notes vpon Tertullian against
 the Iewes, and the same saith
 i Sabellicus Enneade 7. lib. 5,
 and therefore iustly deserueth
 the title of *Primogenita Ecclesie*.
 This testifie k saint Bede lib. 1.
 cap. 4, the Roman Martyrologe
 26. Maij, and the Breuiarie on
 the same day, Marianus in
 Chronico, Huntington lib. 1.
 pag. 304, Ethelwerd an an-
 cient writer of the blood royal,
 lib. 1. Westmonasteriensis anno
 188, and it is confessed by Pro-
 testants, as by Bale Centuria 1.
 cap. 22, Cambden pag. 628,
 Cooper anno 180, Godwin in

i Lestus;
 lib. 3. c. 27.

k Damasus
 in Pontife.
 Harpesfield
 sac. 1. cap. 3.

Protestants
 confesse it.

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life of saint Austin, Stow anno

179, Parker in Archiepiscopis

pag. 4. The like charitable of-

fice performed Pope Victor I.

vnto Scotland, sending thither

his Legats at the request of

king Donaldus, who baptized

the King, Queen, and his no-

bilitie, as testifie Boeth lib. 6.

hist. Scotiæ fol. 86. Genebrardus

in Chronico, Holinshed in the

historie of Scotland pag. 72,

and others. And about the year

324. Pope Siluester, hauing

perfectly instructed our great

Emperor Constantin, bapti-

zed him, and cured him of his

leprosie, as the same Empe-

rour in his edict, and manie

others testifie. Likewise about

the year of CHRIST 400,

Ninian, beeing taught at Rome

(saith

P. VICT. I.

P. Victor I.

Legatt con-

uerted Scot-

land.

P. SIL-

VESTER

ANNO 324.

1 Monolog.

Græc. Cal.

Iun. Acta

Liberi vsta

Siluestri

Huntington

l. 1. pag. 306.

Elorentius

anno 506.

(saith S. Bede lib.3. cap. 4.)

truly the faith, and mysteries of
truth, was ⁿ thence sent to convert
the south Picts, who then inha-
bited the best part of Scotland.

*n Captraus
in his life.
S. Ninian
Legat of the
P. converted
the Picts.*

And about the year 429, Pope
Celestin consecrated Palladius,
Bishop, and sent him into Scot-
land, where as yet was no Bi-
shop; nor forgetfull of Ireland,
sent thither that great saint Pa-
trik who converted that Iland
to the true Catholick Faith, and
is therefore iustly termed euen

*P. CELE-
STIN I.*

*S. Patrik,
Legat of
P. Celestin,
converted
Ireland.*

of ^o Protestants, *the Apostle of*
Ireland. And whereas, at the
same time, the Britons began
to be infected with the heresie
of Pelagius, the same ^p Pope
sent saint German, and saint
Lupus, to confute, and suppress
that heresie, which they per-

*o Cambden
in Hibernia
760. Bale
Centur. 1.*

*cap. 44.
S. German
Legat of
P. Celestin
suppressed
Pelagian.
in Britan.*

*p Prosper in
Chro. Bara.
anno 412.*

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formed, both with disputations
and miracles. Thus continued
the exceeding loue of the sea
Apostolick vnto great Brita-
nie, al the time, that the Bri-
tons possessed it al, or the grea-
test part thereof.

7. But towards our English
Nation, after it had conquered
that part of great Britanie, which
now is called England, it appea-
red far greater. For whereas, not
only the 9 Britons refused, but
also al neighbour nations' neg-
lected, to preach the Chrtistian
faith to our English ancestours,
who euer before had been Pa-
gans, and *bondslaues* (saith
saint Bede) of *Idols*, only Rome
put forth her helping hand
to draw them out of darknes
and flauerie of Idols. For no

q Bede lib. 2.

cap. 2.

r S. Gregorie

ib. 5. Epif

58. 59.

lib. 2. cap. 1.

P. GRE-

GORIEI.

anno 599.

sooner, *that blessed and holie Father, S. Gregorie*, (as Bishop Godwin calleth him) vnderstood, that the ^c Angles, or English (whom for their beutie hee termed Angels) were Pagans, but forthwith he went to the Pope of that time, and beseeched him to send Preachers into England, offering himself to be one. And obtaining licence thereof came on his voyage three dayes iourney towards England; but was recalled at the great importunitie of the Romans, who were vnwilling to want so worthie a man. But neuertheles he forgot not his holie entreprife. *For as soone* (saith saint Bede lib.2. cap.1.) *as he was Bishop ouer the whole world, he made our nation the*

*In life of
saint Austin*

p. 3.

Bede lib. 2.

cap. 1.

Ioan.

*Diacon. in
vita Greg.*

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Church of CHRIST, which had
been ever untill that time, the
bondslaue of Idols. And in the
year 596. sent hither S. Austin,
with almost fortie Monks more
to preach; who being enter-
tained by king Ethelbert, in
short time conuerted both him,
and his whole countrie. And
that they preached the true
faith of CHRIST, appeared
by the miracles which they
wrought in testimonie there-
of, which were so manie, and
so great, as it seemed (saith
saint Gregorie) that they imita-
ted the vertues of the Apostles
by the miracles which they wrought;
and they are so certain and vn-
doubted, as they are not only
testified by the sayed S.^x Gre-
gorie, S.^y Bede, and other an-

x l. 9. epist.

56. 58.

y lib. 1. c. 32.

lib. 2. c. 1. 2.

cient Authors , but confessed
 euen by the most earnest ^z Pro- z Fox in
Acts p. 105.
Geduvim in
life of saint
Austin.
Stow in
Chro. p. 65.
Holinshead
lib. 5. cap. 19.
21. 20.
Spelman in
Concil. p. 93.
Camden
p. 104.
S. Gregor.
sent. a Pall
for Maß.
stants. Again, in the year 601,
 he sent more Preachers , and
 with them , al things necessarie
 for the ornament and seruice
 of the Church, *as holie vessells,*
 (*saieth saint Bede lib. 1. cap. 29.*)
altar clothes apparel for Priests and
Clerks , Reliks of holie Apostles
and Martyrs , and many books :
and a Pall to S. Austin to use only,
 (*saieth S. Gregorie*) *at Maß,*
 appointed him to be ouer al the
 Bishops and Priests of Britanie,
 and gaue him licence to insti-
 tute two Archbishopricks , and
 24 , Bishopricks. Besiids , he
 sent rich presents of diuers
 kindesto the King and Queen,
 and also sent order into France
 to buy ^a such English youthes, a Greg. lib. 5.
epist. 10.

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as were there slaues, and to send
them vp to Rome, there to be
brought vp in vertue and lear-
ning; wherein he gaue the ex-
ample of the English Seminarie,
which not long after our En-
glish kings founded in Rome.
Such was the exceeding loue of
this blessed Pope towards our
nation, *whom we may wel, and
must* (saith Saint Bede lib. 2.
cap. 15.) *call our Apostle, and may
lawfully pronounce of him, that
saying of the Apostle: Although he
were not an Apostle to others, yet
he was to vs, for the signe of his
Apostleship, we are in our Lord.*

8. Neither was this great good,
so happily begun, and planted
in our nation by saint Gregorie
and his Legats, neglected by
the Popes his successors, but

rather diligently watered and furthered by them, as appeareth by the letters and messages of diuers of them sent vnto our Princes, and Bishops to that purpose; as of Pope Boniface in the year 618. of Pope Honorius in 633, of Pope Agatho 679, Pope Zacharie 746, Pope Adrian 789, and others. But most of all it was increased by Pope ^b Honorius his sending hither in the year 635, that Apostolical man S. Birin who conuerted the West-Saxons; and by Pope ^c Vitalian, who in 668, sent hither those holie and great learned men Saints Theodore and Adrian, by whose teaching, Englishmen, in short time, became the best learned of that age, and were

P. HONORIVS I.
anno 635.

^b Bede l. 3.
cap. 7.
*Godvvin in
vita Birini.*
*Parker in
Antiquit.*
cap. 10.
Cooper an.
636.

Ball centur.
13. cap. 4.
P. VITALIAN
anno 668.
^c Bede l. 4.
cap. 1.
*Godvvin in
vita Theodori.*
*Parker in
vita Theod.*

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I Gordon
anno 791
Genebrard.
lib 3. fac 8.
S. Antonin.
lib. 14. c. 4.
Palmerius
anno 791.
Spondanus
anno 1334.
Bassius l. 21.
cap. 6.
P. LEO III
anno 808.
Amonius
lib. 4. c. 94.
Regino in
Chron.
Baronius
anno 808.

P. LEO IV
an. 847. or
Gregor. 4.
anno 817.
Malmesb.
l. 2. Pontif.
p. 241.
Baronius
anno 847.
Asserius in
vita Alfredi
Ethelwold
lib. 3. cap. 3.
Malmesbur.
l. 2. Reg. c. 2.
Stow p. 99.

the beginners of the^d Vniuersitie of Paris, and consequently the chiefeſt fountain of learning which ſince hath been in the Weſt. After this, Eardulf, king of the North beiond Humber, being driuen out of his kingdome and countrie, Pope Leo III. in the year 808. ſent Cardinal Adulf his Legat into England, who by the help of Charles the gteat his Embaſſadours, reſtored him peacebly, into his kingdome. Not long after, Pope Leo IV.^c diſpenſed with King Ethelwoulph, for to marrie, which he (being a ſubdeacon) could not otherwiſe doe lawfully. And at the ſame Kings request, crowned his ſonne^f Alfred king, adopting him for his ſonne; who after-
 wards,

wards, for his most worthie acts, both in war, and peace, was surnamed *the great*, and for all things, became the rarest Prince, that England, (and perhaps Christendome) euer had. Likewise, Pope Martin, at the sute of the same King Alfred, released the tribute, which the English Seminarie then in Rome paid, and sent to the King manie gifts; amongst which, was a good peece of the holie crosse.

9. In the year 990, when Richard Marquis of Normandie, had purposed to inuade England, and make war vpon king Ethelred, Pope & Iohn XV. sent his Nunce, and letters to take vp the matter, who happily brought them to agree-

E

P. MAR-
TIN I.

anno 883.

Florentius

anno 884.

VVestmon.

anno 883.

Godwin in

vita pleg-

mundi p. 17.

g. Iohn xv.

anno 990.

g. Malmib.

lib. 2. Reg.

cap. 10. p. 64.

Baronius

anno 990.

P. NICO-
LAS II.
anno 1059

h *Survius in*
vita sancti
Edwardi
Bale Cent.

2. cap. 52.
Capraue
in vita sancti
Edwardi.

P. VR-
BAN II.
anno 1094.

Malmesbur.
lib. 2. Pontif.
p. 223.
Geduin in
Vita An-
selm, latine.

P. PAS-
CHAL II.
anno 1102.
Malmesbur.
lib. 1. Pont.
p. 224.

ment. And about the year 1059. Pope Nicolas II. granted to king Edward the Confessor, and to his successors the^h aduoufion and protection of the Churches in England. And in the year 1094. Pope Urban II. in a council at Bari, appointed, that S. Anselm Archbishop of Canturburie, and his successors, should sit in Councils beside the Archdeacon of Rome, who sitteth before the Pope, adding this most honorable speech: *let vs include in our compass this man, as Pope of an other world:* whereas before it was vnkown (saith Malmesburie) what place belonged to our Archbishop. And the same place did Pope Paschal II. confirme in a Council at Rome, about the year 1102.

And besides this, diuers others dignities, and priuiledges haue been granted to the see of Canterburie, by the Popes, as to be Primats of al Britanie, Legats born, and the like.

10. Moreouer, in the year 1098. the Scots obtained of Pope Urbain II. for their Prince, that hee might haue the name, title, and anointment of a King, as the ⁱ Hungarians and Polonians had obtained for their Princes, about the year 1000. wherupon King Edgar was then first anointed King of Scotland. And about the year 1107, Pope Paschal II. ^k writing to king Henric I. amongst other things, promiseth so to fauour him and his sonne, as *what* (sayeth he) *hurteth you or him, may*

P. VR-
BAN II.
anno 1098.
Genebrard.
in Chron.

i Baronius
anno 1000.
Bale Cent.
2. part. 145.

k Malmesb.
lib. 5. Reg.
p. 163.
Gordon
anno 1101.
Booth lib. 2.
fol. 261.

seem to hurt the Church of Rome.

P. EVGE-
NIVS III.

anno 1152.

Stow anno
1152.

Godwin in
vita Theo-
bald.

P. ADRI-
AN IV.

anno 1160.

Par. an. 1155

Bale Gen. 2.

Giraldus

Cambr. in

in Hibern.

lib. 2. cap. 6.

Io. Sarisbur.

lib. 4. c. 42.

Stow anno

1160.

Camden

in Hibern.

p. 762.

Parker in

vita S. Tho.

P. ALEX-
ANDER 3.

anno 1171.

Hoveden

lib. 2. p. 528.

P. LV-
CIVS III.

anno 1183.

Hoveden

lib. 2. p. 628.

And in the year 1152, when king
Stephn, hauing vsurped the
crown of England, endeavou-
red to cause the Bishop to crown
his sonne Eustace, thereby to
exclude for euer the lawfull
heyr, Henrie II. Pope Euge-
nius III. sent commandment
to the Clergie, not to medle in
that matter; whereby it was
hindred. In the year 1106, Pope
Adrian IV. gaue vnto King
Henrie II, the dominion and
gouernment of Ireland, and
sent vnto him the Bull of his
grant, with a ring of gold in
token of the inuestiture. Which
grant, at the request of the said
king, Pope Alexander III. con-
firmed to him and his heirs.
And as for Pope Lucius III, his

good will appeareth by the great
 praise, which he giueth to the
 said king Henries ancestours,
 whom he affirmeth to haue far
 exceded the rest of christia Prin-
 ces, in warlik power, and noble-
 nes of minde. Which affecti-
 on continued also in his succes-
 sor Pope Vrban III. of whom
 the said king Henrie the second
 obtained manie things, where-
 of one was, that hee might
 crown which of his sonnes he
 would, King of Ireland; which
 he confirmed by a Bul, and in
 token of his good wil and grant,
 sent him a crown. And lastly
 when not only the King of
 France, but also his own sonnes,
 and nobles, had conspired a-
 gainst the said king Henrie II,
 and had inuaded his dominions

P V R-
 BIN III.
 anno 1185.
 Houeden
 lib. 2. p. 631.
 Strou anno
 1185.

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P. CLE-
MENT
III. anno
1189.
Houeden
lib. 2. p. 652.
Vestmon.
anno 1189.

withfar greater power, then he was able to resist, Pope Clement III, in the year 1189, sent a Cardinal to procure peace, who excommunicated the hinderers of peace, and threatned to interdict the kingdom of France, vnles the king made peace with England.

P. CELE-
STIN III.
anno 1193.
Vestmon.
anno 1193.
Houeden
p 773.
Polsd. l. 14.
Paris anno
1195.
Souu anno
1195.

11. Likewise in the year 1193, when king Richard I. was taken prisoner, as he came from the holie land, by the Duke of Austria, Pope Celestin III, at the said kings request, excommunicated the Duke, and enioyned him to release the couenants, which hee had compelled the king to make, and to send home the pledges: Who not obeying the Pope, he soone dyed miserably, and was lefe

vnburied vntil his sonne had
sent home the pledges, and
sworn to stand to the iudgment
of the Church. And in the year
1207, Pope Innocent III. sent
to king Ihon an eloquent Epi-
stle, and diuers pretious jewels:
And in the year 1215, when the
Barons had extorted from the
said king, certain^l charters,
and liberties, the same Pope,
at the kings request, disannul-
led those charters, and excom-
municated the Barons, who
had rebelled against him. And
when the said Barons had cal-
led in Lewis the Prince of Fran-
ce, chosen him their king, and
yeelded the chiefeſt cities and
holds into his hands, so that
England was in manifest dan-
ger to be lost, the said Pope

P. INNO-
CENT III

anno 1207.

Paris anno

1207-

Stouu anno

1207.

l Paris anno.
1216.

Polidoy. l. 15.

Stouu anno

1215.

Godvvyn in
vita Steph.

Lang.

Bale Cent. 3.

p. 260.

King Ihon
put al his
hope in the
Popes Legat.
Paris anno
p. 377.

40 AN HISTORICAL
 sent his Legat to assist king
 Iohn, and to forbid the French
 vpon paine of excommunica-
 tion, to enter into England,
 which he stoutly performed,
 and was a great means of sa-
 ueing England. In the year
 1258, Pope Innocent IV. be-
 stowed the royal title of the
 kingdomes of Naples and Si-
 cilie, vpon Edmund sonne to
 king Henrie III; and by a
 Cardinal, sent to him the inue-
 stiture thereof. And in the year
 1257, Pope Alexander IV. sent
 messengers to Richard Duke of
 Cornwall, brother to the said
 king Henrie, for to goe into
 Germanie to receaue it, which
 he did, and was crowned at
 Aquisgran. And in the year
 1292, when the Barons had
 wrested

P. INNO-
 CENT IV

anno 1258.

Paris anno

1254.

Stonv anno

1254.

P. ALE-
 XANDER

IV. anno

1257.

Vestmon.

anno 1254.

Bale Cent. 4

p 290.

Paris anno

1254.

wrested from the said King Henrie 3, certain liberties, Pope Urban IV, at the said kings request, sent a Legat to accurse those Barons, who had rebelled in defense of those liberties.

P. VR-
BAN IV.
anno 1192.
Stow anno
1162.
Bale C. 4.

12. In the year 1272, at the petition of king Edward I. Pope Gregorie X. excommunicated Guy of Montfort, for killing the kings cousin germain in his return from the holie land, condemned him of wilful and priuie murder, of sacriledg and treason; declared him to be infamous and incapable of anie office in the commonwealth, disinherited his posteritie to the fourth generation, and excommunicated al those, who entertained him, and interdicted their dominions. And in

P 1293. 326.
Paris p. 1322

P. G R E-
GORIE X
anno 1272.
VVestmon.
anno 1172.
Polider. l. 17
VV alsinga
Ypodig.
anno 1273.

42 AN HISTORICAL

the same Kings time, was
in Cambridge, of a schole, made
on vniuersitie by the Pope.
And vnder Edward II. Pope
Clement V. apointed, that in
Oxford should be read two Le-
ctures of the Hebrew, Ara-
bick, and Chaldaick tongues,
and authorized it for one of the
four famous Vniuersities in
Christendome. Also in the year
1316. Pope Ihon XXII. at the
said king Edward II. his request,
sent two Legats to make peace
betwixt England and Scotland,
and to reconcile Thomas Earle
of Lancaster to the king; who
excommunicated the Scots, be-
cause they would not agree to
peace, And in the same year, at
the same kings petition, the
Pope confirmed al the ancient

*m Camden
in Canta-
brig 435.*

*Clement
tit. de Ma-
gistris cap. 1.*

*P. IHON
XXII.
anno 1316.
Polider l 17
Storw anno
1316.
VValſn-
gam. anno
1312. 1317.*

priviledges of the Vniuersitie
of Cambridg, which of long
time they had enioyned, *by the*
benefit (saithⁿ Stow) *of the Popes* ^{n Anno}
predecessors. 1317.

13. Moreouer in the year
1489, Pope Innocent VIII. ^{P. INNO-}
sent a Nunce to appease the ^{CENT}
the diffension betwixt the king ^{VIII. anno}
of Scotland and his people, but ^{1489.}
before his arriual, the king was ^{Godwin in}
slain. And about the year 1504. ^{Episc.}
when there arose a contention ^{Bathon. j}
betwixt king Henrie VII. and ^{n. 42.}
Ferdinand king of Spain, about
precedence of their Embassa-
dours with the Pope, Pope Iu-
lius II. hauing heard both Em-
bassadours, gaue sentence in
favour of the king of England.
And in the year 1505. sent to
the king, a sword and cap of

P. IULIUS

I I. anno

1504.

Spondanus

anno 1433.

Volateran.

Comin

ventura.

Stow 1505

Bacon. in

Henrie 7.

44 AN HISTORICAL
 maintenance, as to a defender
 of the Church. But as no king
 of England deserved better of
 the sea Apostolick, then King
 Henrie VIII. did for long
 time, so none receaved more
 honor from thence then he,
 For he receaved not only from
 Pope Iulius II, in the year 1514. a
 sword and cap of maintenance,
 for defending him against the
 king of France, but also of
 Pope Leo X, in the yeat 1521,
 the most honorable title of
DEFENDER OF THE FAITH,
 for his writing against Luther,
 Which title, as it is more hono-
 rable then the title of most
 Christian, or Catholick, giuen
 by Popes to the kings of France
 and Spain, so was it euer most
 highly esteemed by king Henrie,

Stow anno
 1514.

P. LEO X.
 anno 1521.
 Stow in
 Chron.
 Onuphrius
 in Chron.

and ° engraue on his tombe, o Steuu
anno 1547.
where is left out the title of
his supremacie.

14. And though Queen Elizabeth had vtterly cast of the Popes freindship, yet he forsoke not her. For Pope Pius P. PIV S.
I V. anno
1560.
IV. supposing, that she had re-
uolted from that sea, rather for
fear that her title to the crown
might be called in question,
because one Pope before had
declared her birth to be vnlaw-
ful, then for dislike of the reli-
gion, which in her fathers and
sisters days, she had professed,
sent à Nunce to promise her al
fauour touching her title to
the crown, and P 1562.
soone after, an-
other to request her to send
her Deuines to the Council of
Trente, with promise of al fe-

P. CLE-
MENT
VIII. anno
603.

Procla-
mat. anno
regni. 1.

curitie and libertie. Neither may I leaue your Maiestie out of the number of the Princes of this land, who haue tasted the loue of the sea Apostolick, because out of your own grateful minde, you haue⁹ publickly professed your self beholden vnto Pope Clement VIII, *for his temporal cariage and diuers kind offices towards you.* Besides, he hath (as is reported) censured al such, as shal molest your grace, and hath often times professed, that he would willingly giue his life for the eternal good of your countrie, which is the greatest loue, that one can bear, (as our Sauour testifieth) to his freind. Oh how great enemies are they vnto England, who seek by fals slan-

ders , to make such freinds
odious vnto vs.

14. By this which hath been
said, (omitting much more for
breuitie) your Maiestie cleer-
ly seeth, how greatly, and how
continually, the sea Apostolick
hath euer fauoured the Christi-
an Princes of this land : how
manie, and how great benefits,
both spitual and temporal,
Popes haue bestowed vpon
them , and in their dangers
and distresses , according to
their power , assisted them.

Weigh (I beseech your grace)
in the balance of your prince-
lie wisdom, the foresaid be-
nefits , with such , as your self
or ancestours haue receaued
from the rest of Christendome,
and you shal finde, that the sea
Apostolick alone , hath more

*Popes haue
more bene-
fited Engl.
then al
Christdome
hath done.*

48 AN HISTORICAL
benefited England, then al
Christendome besids, and con-
sequently, that the forsaking
the Popes freindship, hath more
endammaged your realm, then
if it had forsaken the rest of
Christendome. But espeeially
(I humbly beseech your Ma-
jestie) weigh them with such,
as Bel or anie Minister can shew
you to haue receaued from
their two seats of pestilence, in
Wittenberg and Geneua. What
kingdoms haue they bestowed
vpon you? vnto what Imperial
or Royal dignitie haue they
exalted you? from what Paga-
nisme haue they conuerted
you? what enemies haue they
appeased? what assistance haue
they afforded you in any need?
what good, litle or great, haue
they

brought to this land ? Nay
 what mischief haue they not
 brought ? That one Apostata
 & firebrand of sedition, Knox,
 sent from Geneua, brought
 more mischief to your grand-
 mother, your B. Mother, to
 your Father, and Kingdome of
 Scotland, then I can rehearse,
 or your Majestie without great
 griefe can remember. Ministers
 pretend the loue of the Gospel,
 as the cause of perswading you
 from freindship with the Pope:
 but yet dissuade not from
 freindship with the Turke. They
 pretend also your Graces secu-
 ritie; but the true cause indeed,
 your Majestie descried and dis-
 couered in Knox, to wit, their
 own securitie and aduancemēt,
 which they fear would be en-

*Conference
 at Hampton
 court p. 80.
 81.*

50 AN HISTORICAL
dangered, if you kept your an-
cient and surest freind, and
therefore with your losse (as
your Majestie perceaued in your
Grandmothers case) they worke
their owne wealth and securitie.
And thus much of the Popes.

15. As for the Christian Prin-
ces of this land, though they
haue been of foure different,
and most opposite nations, to
wit, Britons, English, Danes,
and Normans: yet haue they
all agreed in keeping the lea-
gue of freindship with the Pope,
being officious vnto him, and
accounting him their especial
freind. Of the British kings of
this land, first is king^r Lucius,
whose particular affection to-
wards the sea Apostolick, is eui-
dent by that, he neglecting

K. LV-
CIVS.
r Beda
lib. I. cap. I.

other Christian Churches neer CONS-
TANTIN
the Great.
vnto him, he sent so far as to
Rome for preachers. As for Con-
stantin the great (the immortal
glorie of rhe British kings) his
extraordinarie loue and affe-
ction vnto the sea of Rome is
more notorious, then I need
rehearse. For he not only gaue
vnto the Pope, the govern-
ment of Rome, and of a good
part of the West, (as besids
himself and Latin Histriogra-
phers, both ^tGreecks, and ^uIewes
professed enemies to the Pope
doe testifie) but also serued
him as a lackey, holding his
stirrop, and leading his horse
by the bridle. Cadwallader also
the last British king in England
hauing left his cuntry went
nowhether but to Rome, and

*(In edicto,
Eugubin de
Donat.*

*Constant.
Genebrard,
in Chron.*

*Ciaconus
in S. luest. x.
Victorellus
in notis ad
Ciac.*

*t Photius in
Nomocan.*

*u Abraham
Abben Esra.*

*K. CAD-
VALA-
DER ann.*

652.

there ended his days. And if the histories of those ancient times were more perfect, or the Britons had reigned longer in this Iland, no doubt but we should haue more examples of their deuotion to the sea Apostolicke, as appeareth by Salomon their king in litle Britanie, after they had been driuen hence by the Saxons, who writing to Pope Adrian I I. beginneth his letter thus. *Domino ac beatissimo Apostol. sedis Rom. Hadriano, Salomon Britannorum rex, flexis genibus, inclinatoque capite.* And sendeth him his statua in gold with diuers rich gifts and money, promiseth a yearly pension, and acknowledgeth his Royal title to haue been giuen to him by Popes. This was the

K. S A L O -
M O N.

Argentreus

hist. Britan.

lib 2. c. 27.

Baron. anno

869.

loue of the British king vnto
the sea Apostolick.

16. To the British kings suc-
ceded the Saxons or English as
wel in their loue and reuerence
to the sea of Rome as in their
Kingdome. For king Ethlebert,
at the verie first, receaued saint
Gregorie his Legats verie cour-
teously, provided them of al
things necessarie and freely li-
censed them to preach, vsing
these gracious words, worthie to
be imitated of your Majestie,
*For so much as you are come so
far to impart vnto vs such know-
ledg, as you take to be true, we
wil not trouble you, but rather
withall courtesie receaue you.* After
him, king Osuin, hauing per-
fectly learned, that the Church
of Rome (saith saint Bede)

K. ETHEL-
BERT
anno 597.

K. OSVIN
anno 665.

lib. 3. cap. 1.

54 AN HISTORICAL
*was the Catholick and Apostolick
Church, sent thither in the year
665 a Priest to be consecrated
Archbishop of Canterburie.
And in a conference about the
obseruation of Easter, hearing,
that the keyes of heauen were
giuen to S. Peter, concluded
thus : I will not gainsay such a
Porter, as this is, but as far as I
know, and am able, I wil couet in
al points to obey his ordonnance.
And in the year 670. He bare
(saith S. Bede) such loue and
affection to the Apostolick sea of
Rome, as if he might haue escaped
his sicknes, he purposed to goe to
Rome, and to end his life in those
holie places there.*

b.3. cap.25.
Bede
ano 664.

CED-
ALLA
no 679.

17. But what he could not
through death perform the valiant
Prince Cedwalla did in the verie

flour of his age, and prosperitie.
 For in the year 689, *Forſaking*
his kingdome (ſaieth ſaint Bede)
 he went to Rome thinking it to be a
 ſingular glorie, and renounce for
 him to be regenerated with the Sa-
 crement of Baptiſme, at the ſea
 Apoſtolick: and withal conceaued
 hope, that as ſoone as by baptiſme
 he was cleaſed from ſinne he
 ſhould depart from this world to
 immortal ioy: Which by Gods
 prouidence was performed, and
 he honorably buried, by the
 Pope in S. Peters Church. Not
 long after him to wit in the year
 709. two English kings, Coen-
 red, and Offa, forſooke their
 kingdoms, went to Rome, and
 there became Monks, cōtinuing
 (ſaieth ſaint Bede) at the Apo-
 ſtles tombes, in praying, faſting,

K. Coenred
 3706.

K. Offa.

lib. 5. cap. 10.
 K. Ina anno
 726.

56 AN HISTORICAL

lib. 5. cap. 5.
Baronius
anno 729.
Ethelwera
lib. 2. cap. 13.
Malmesbur.
lib. 1. Reg.
cap. 2.
Polidor l. 4.
Stow in
Ina. p. 96.

and dealing alms until their dying day. Ina, alias Hun, successor to king Cedwal in his kingdome, succeeded him also in his deuotion to the sea Apostolick. For after he had raigned (saith Bede) 37. years, he gaue ouer his kingdome, and went himselfe to the tombs and monuments of the Apostles in Rome, as in those dayes manie English, both of the Nobilitie, and Commons, spiritual and temporal, men and women, were wont to doe with great emulation. Neither went he onely to Rome, but became there a Monke, and was the first, that paied the Peter pence, appointing that euerie householder of his kingdome, who had thirtie pennie worth of cattle of one sort, should pay yearly one pennie

K. Ina gaue
the Peter
pence,

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n

pennie to Rome. Which money, was partly for the Popes use partly for maintenance of an English schole or Seminarie; which he then built in Rome, for bringing vp of English youths there in vertue and learning.

English Seminarie in Rome 900 years since VVestmon. anno 727. 764.

18. Not long after, about the year 750, saint Richard king forsoke his kingdome, and leaving his two sonnes in Germanie, with saint Boniface an Englishman, the Popes Legat there, went himself in pilgrimage to Rome, but dying in the way at Luca, is there honorably buried. And the year 775, king Offa, though a warlick Prince, went to Roine, and imitating the example of king Ina, increased the English Seminarie

K. RICHARD anno 750. SURIUS 10. 1. Bayanus anno 750.

K. Offa anno 775. Malmesbur. lib. 2. Reg. cap. 4. VVestmon. anno 194. Polidor l. 4. Fox p. 101.

58 AN HISTORICAL
 begun by him, and imposed the
 like pension of Peter pence,
 vpon his kingdome of Mercia;
 as Charles the great, about the
 same time, imposed vpon Fran-
 ce the like tribute to be paied
 to Rome. The loue and affe-
 ction of king Kenulph, a wor-
 thie Prince, and successor to
 king Offa, appeareth by his re-
 deemming the Popes Legat, taken
 of Pirats, in the year 808. and
 by his submissiue letter to the
 Pope, wherein he humblie cra-
 ueth his blessing, as al his Pre-
 decessors had, desireth to be
 adopted for his sonne, as *I (saith
 rhe king) loue you like a father,
 and embrace you with al obedience.*
 And protested to be willing to
 spend his life for the Pope.

K. KE-
 NVLPH
 anno 808.
Malmesbury.
l. 1. Keg. c. 4.
Baronius
 anno 818.

K. ETEL-
 WVOLPH
 anno 855.

19. After him king Ethelwolph,

in the year 857. went to Rome,
 tooke with him his best beloued
 sonne Alfred, to be instructed
 (saith Westmonaster) of the *Westmon.*
 Pope in manners and Religion *anno 854.*
 where he aboad a whole year, *Ethelwold*
 and procured his sonne to be *lib. 3. cap. 3.*
 crowned of the Pope, and ado- *Stow anno*
 pted of him for his sonne: he *819.*
 also notably repaired the En- *Ingulphus.*
 glish Seminarie at Rome, which *Bale Cent. 2.*
 had been burnt a little before, *p. 113.*
 & confirming the guifts of king *Affarius in*
 Ina and Offa, imposed the pen- *vita afredi.*
 sion of Peter pence vpon al En-
 gland, which was after ward paid
 vntil the later end of King
 Henrie VIII. About the same *Malmesbur.*
 time king Burdred leauing his *lib. 2. Reg.*
 kingdome went to Rome, and *cap. 2.*
 was there buried in the English *Stow anno*
 schole. Neither would King *819.*
Fox p. 136.
K. BUR-
DRED
Ethelwold
lib. 4. cap. 3.
Malmesbur.
lib. 1. cap. 4.
Stow anno
875.

K. CANV-
TE anno
1032.
Florent.
anno 1031.
Malmesbur.
lib. 2. c. 11.
Ingulfus.
Huntington
lib. 6.
Marian.
anno 1033,
Stow in
Canute.

K. EDVV.
ARD son-
fessor.
Ealred in
vita Ed-
wardi.
Baronius
anno 1060.

Canute, though a Dane, be found vngratefull to the sea Apostolick, but went to Rome, in the year 1032, confirmed the payment of the Peter pence, gaue great gifts of gold and silver, and pretious things to saint Peter, and obtained of Pope Iohn immunitie for the English Seminarie. And finally, King Edward Confessor, last but one, of the Saxon bloud, would haue gone to Rome in pilgrimage, had not his people vpon fear of the Danes inuasion, hindred him; yet sent he Embassadors to Rome, with great presents, and confirmed al the duties and customes belonging thereto in England. And thus continued the English Kings, al the time of their raign, in singular affe-

ction and deuotion to the sea
Apostolick.

20. To whom, as the Norman
Princes succeded, so they fol-
lowed them in their pietie and
religion. For besides, that they
paied the Peter pence, in parti-
cular Willam the Conquerour,
having subdued and slain king
Harald in the year 1066, sent
straight his standard to the Pope
as to his particular freind. And
king Henrie I. professed by his
Embassadour to Pope Paschal
II. that England was *a peculiar*
prouince of the Church of Rome,
and paied vnto her yearly tribute.
King Henrie II. about the year
1180, together with Lewis king
of France led Pope Alexanders
horse, and with great pompe
cōducted him through the citie

K. VIL-
LIAM
Conquer.
anno 1066.
Malmesbur.
lib. 3. Reg.
Ingulfus
p. 900.
Stow in
Harald.
p. 131.

K. HEN-
RIE I.
Malmesbur.
lib. 1. Pontif
pag. 226.
K. HEN-
RIE II.
anno 1180.
Rob. Mon-
tenfis.
Genebrard.
anno 1180.
Sigebertus
anno 1163.
Neubrigens.
lib. 2. c. 14.
Bale Cent. 2.
cap. 94.
Holinshed
anno 1163.
Baronius
anno 1162.

Tociacum. King Richard, Cœur de Lion, at the exhortation of the Pope, went in person to the holie land with an armie of thirtie thousand foot, and five thousand horse: in which voyage he conquered the kingdome of Ciprus, and citie of Ptolemais, and ouerthrew the Souldan in a great battel; and the like enterprize afterward tooke king Edward I. in the year 1241. King Henry III. placed the Popes Legat in the most honorable roome of the table at a publick banquet in Christmas betwixt himself and the Archbishop of Yorke: and afterward with great pompe (saith Stow) and innumerable compante of nobles, and trumpets sounding before brought him to the sea. How deuout king

K, R I-
CHARD I
Polid. l. 14.
Genebrard.
n Chron.
12000.
Sale Cent. 1
. 104.
Fouedon
. 609.

K. HEN
RY III.
1241. anno
241.

Richard II. and Englishmen
 in his time were to the sea of
 Rome, appeareth by their build-
 ing an hospital there for receipt
 of English Pilgrims, instead of
 the foresaid Seminarie, which
 (as it seemeth) was destroyed in
 that great burning of Rome in
 the year 1084, in the place
 whereof S. Thomas of Canter-
 burie had before built a Chap-
 pel in honour of the blessed
 Trinitie. This Hospital was
 afterwards, in the raigne of
 king Henrie VI, and Henrie
 VII reedified, and much in-
 creased, and lastly in the year
 1570 was much bewtified, and
 augmented both in buildings
 and reuenews by Pope Gre-
 gorie XIII, and by him con-
 verted to the ancient vse of a

K. RI-
 CHARD
 II.
 STOWE 1407.

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Seminarie , retaining stil the
obligation of an Hospital:

K. HEN-
RIE IV.
1409.

21. The affection of King
Henrie I V. appeareth by his
letter to the Pope in the year
1409, which he beginneth thus:
Most holie Father, our recommen-
dations in humble wise premised.
And afterward ; *Hauing taken*
with our said sonne , and also
with our Prelats and Nobles , ma-
ture deliberation , we besecch with
al humilitie , and require your cle-
mencie (whose state and honor vpon
diuers causes , as a deuout sonne of
the Church , so far as we might with
God , we haue euer embraced, and
doe embrace) by the expresse and
whole assent of the estates afore-
said, &c. And as for King Henrie
V, he in the year 1416 sent his
Embassadours to the General
Council

K. HEN-
RIE V.

Councel at Constance, at whose procurement *it was there ordained* (saith Stowe) *that England should obtain the name of a Nation,* Stowe 1416
and be one of the five Nations, that owe their deuotion to the Church of Rome, which thing until that time, men of other Nations for enuie had letted. Behold, what an honor, king Henrie V, the Alexander of England, and Conquerour of France, in his most flourishing and triumphant time, accounted it to owe deuotion to the Church of Rome; which now Ministers would account so dishonorable. And for king Henrie VII, your Majesties great grandfather; his affection is euident by the sword and cap of maintenance sent to him from the Pope, anno 1505. Note this.

K. HEN-
 RIE VII.
*Bacon. in
 Henr. 7.*

K. HEN-
RIE VIII.

22. But none of the kings of the Norman blood, euer shewed so great signes of loue and affection to the sea Apostolick, as king Henrie VIII, did for a long time. For first in the year 1511, he wrote to the French king, to desist from molesting Pope Iulius II, and in the next year, sent an armie of ten thousand men into France for the Popes defence. And in the year 1513, he went himself in person, with a royal armie, and conquered Turwin, and Tournay. And not content to defend the Pope with his sword, in the year 1521, wrote an excellent booke in his defence against Luther. And again, in the yeare 1527, when Pope Clement was taken prisoner by the Emperors soldiers, he gaue

*Onuphr. in
Iulio 2.
Stow anno
1511. 1512.
1513.*

monthly 60 thousand Angels,
 to the maintenance of an ar-
 mie, for the Popes deliuerie.
 And in this singular affection
 towards the sea Apostolick, con-
 tinued he vntil the 22 year of
 his raigne anno 1530, when not
 vpon anie iniurie offered by the
 Pope, or dislike of his religion,
 which (except the matter of su-
 premacie) he defended to his
 death, and persecuted the Pro-
 testants, but only *upon occasion*
of delay (saith Stow) *made by the*
Pope in his controuersie of deuor-
sement, and through displeasure of
such reports, as he heard had been
made of him to the court of Rome,
and thirdly pricked forward by such
Councillers to follow the example
of the Germans, he first forbad
 the procurement of anie thing

Stow anno
 1530. &
 seq.

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from Rome, and soon after prohibited al paymēts, and appeals to Rome, and lastly, tooke vpon him that supremacie, which al his Christian predeceffours had acknowledged to bee in the Pope.

23. Thus your Majestie seeth, how long, how honorably, and how profitably also vnto both parties, hath the mutual amitie and league of freindship betwixt the sea Apostolick, and the Princes of al the foure Nations, that haue swayd the Scepter of England, cōtinued and flourished: and how of late it was broken by one Prince, vpon meer passion, contrarie to the example of al his predeceffours, and successors also, except one child, & a woeman. What dangers & troubles,

he and his kingdome incurred thereby, and how his progenie (according as Friar Pæto, and *House anna* 1533. Elston did then foretell him) is now consumed, and his crown translated to an other royal line, against which in his time he *Hungtinton* lib. 6. p. 359. made verie sharp war, I need not heer declare. Only I will say, that himself, being after more free from passion, laboured to be reconciled to the sea Apostolick, and employed therein Bishop Gardiner, (as he professed in a sermon at Pauls Cross) and had easily obtained it, if he would haue acknowledged his fault, and done penance. What remaineth for me to conclude this long Epistle, but prostrat at your Majesties feet, humbly to beseech you, for your own good,

Hungtinton
supra.

and in the name of the foresaid Christian Princes, as you are the head of the 5 natiō, which (according to Gods prouidēce, foretold by a holie man manie years ago) hath attained to the rule of the land, so you would continue that most ancient, honorable, and profitable league of freindship, which was betwixt them al, and the sea Apostolick. Who (I beseech your grace) will giue you more faithfull counsell, then your own Progenitors and forefathers? Who can giue more safe and secure direction in government of your Kingdome, then your own predecessors, who so happily, and so long time gouerned it? who are so worthie to giue you example, or whom can you with so much honor

imitate, as so manie, so valiant,
so prudent Princes? And yet
they al, with one voice, coun-
sel and request you to follow in
this so important a matter, not
so much themselues, as the
counsel of the wisest king, that
euer was, yea of God himself, in
these words: *Thine owne freind,* Prouerb.
and thy fathers freind, see thou cap 27.
forsake not; especially such a
one, as hath euer been, not on-
ly your own freind, and parti-
cularly your blessed Mothers
freind, but of al your Christian
forefathers, who as they haue
left vnto your grace their crown
and kingdome, so haue they
also bequeathed their faith, re-
ligion, and freindship with the
sea Apostolick, as no smal por-
tion and stay of their inheri-

*Speech in the
Parliament*

*Proclamat.
An 1. regni.*

tance. We esteem your publick
acknowledging of Rome to be
the *Mother Church* ; and your
self to be beholding to Pope
Clement VIII, *for his temporal
cariage, and kinde offices*, as sparks
of a greater fire of loue inkind-
led in your princelie hart to-
wards that sea, which we beseech
Almightie God so to increase,
as it may one day burst forth to
your own good, and the vniuer-
sal joy of Christendome : Our
Lord I E S V S long preferue your
Majestie, with al grace, health,
and prosperitie.

Your Majesties dutiful subject
and dailie Orator R. S.